

Department of Energy

Western Area Power Administration Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region P.O. Box 3700 Loveland, CO 80539-3003

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Dear Firm Power Customer and Other Interested Parties:

The Upper Great Plains Region and the Rocky Mountain Region of the Western Area Power Administration are hosting two informational meetings to discuss proposed firm power rate adjustments for Loveland Area Projects (LAP) and Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program-Eastern Division firm power customers. Meetings to discuss the proposed LAP adjustment and its components (the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program and the Frying-Pan Arkansas Project) will be held at the following locations:

April 14, 1:00 PM Radisson Hotel Denver Stapleton Plaza 3333 Quebec Street Denver, CO

April 15, 9:00 AM Southeast Community College 1st Floor of the Energy Plaza 11th & O Street Lincoln, NE

Two additional meetings to discuss only the Pick-Sloan firm power rate adjustment will be held at the following locations:

April 15, 2:00 PM Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center 2400 North Louise Avenue Sioux Falls, SD

April 16, 9:00 AM Doublewood Inn 3333 13th Avenue South Fargo, ND At these meetings, we will share the most current information and our thoughts on these proposed rate adjustments. Present study work indicates a need for a Firm Power Rate adjustment in the range of 10-20 percent. We would like your input on the assumptions, timing, and implementation of these proposals.

If you have any questions prior to the meetings, please telephone Dan Payton at (970) 461-7442.

We look forward to meeting with you in April.

Sincerely,

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